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(COMPANION TO SF 146 BY HART)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to human trafficking outreach, awareness, and
- 2 training programs.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 710A.6 Outreach, awareness, and
2 training programs.

3 The crime victim assistance division of the department of
4 justice, in cooperation with other governmental agencies and
5 nongovernmental or community organizations, shall develop and
6 conduct outreach, public awareness, and training programs for
7 the general public, law enforcement agencies, first responders,
8 potential victims, and persons conducting or regularly dealing
9 with businesses or other ventures that have a high statistical
10 incidence of debt bondage or forced labor or services. The
11 programs shall train participants to recognize and report
12 incidents of human trafficking and to suppress the demand that
13 fosters exploitation of persons and leads to human trafficking.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to human trafficking outreach, awareness,
18 and training programs.

19 The bill directs the crime victim assistance division of the
20 department of justice, in cooperation with other governmental
21 agencies and nongovernmental or community organizations, to
22 develop and conduct outreach, public awareness, and training
23 programs related to human trafficking.

24 The bill provides that the programs are intended for the
25 general public, law enforcement agencies, first responders,
26 potential victims, and persons conducting or regularly dealing
27 with businesses that have a high statistical incidence of debt
28 bondage or forced labor or services.

29 The bill provides that the programs train participants to
30 recognize and report incidents of human trafficking and to
31 suppress the demand that fosters exploitation of persons and
32 leads to human trafficking.